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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.18, applicant is given a time period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice during which to pay the **BALANCE DUE** indicated below. The balance due is the difference between the issue fee required on the date that the correct issue fee is paid and the amount that was previously paid. This three-month time period may not be extended. If the balance due is not paid before the expiration of the three-month period, the application will become abandoned (if not issued) or the patent will lapse (if issued) at the termination of the three-month period.

App. Type	Column A Issue Fee Req. large entity / small entity	Column B Issue Fee PAID	Balance Due: Col. A minus Col. B
UTILITY or REISSUE	\$1,440.00/ \$720.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 20.00
DESIGN	\$820.00 / \$410.00	\$	\$
PLANT	\$1,130.00 / \$565.00	\$	\$

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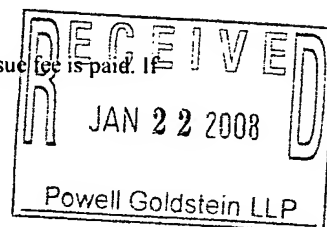
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Printed Name: Robert T. Neufeld Signature: Robert T. Neufeld Date: 1/31/08

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In re application of:

Cates, et al.

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TRANSMITTAL OF BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee mailed on January 14, 2008, Applicants herewith submit the following:

- a credit card form for the balance of \$20.00 owed for the Issue Fee in view of the new increase in patent fees; and
- a copy of the Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee.

To the extent any additional fees are needed with this submission, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0980. If any issues exist that can be resolved by telephone conference, please contact the undersigned at (404) 572-3505.

Respectfully submitted,

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